



Lester Poynor

February 10, 1933 - March 4, 2019

Services honoring the life of Lester Gene Poynor will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Park Grove Cemetery, Broken Arrow, OK. Viewing will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lester was born in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on February 10, 1933 to Otis and Vivian (Crawford) Poynor. Lester passed away on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the age of 86.

Lester attended elementary school in Tulsa and Broken Arrow before graduating from Broken Arrow High School with the class of 1951. While in high school Lester was active in many activities, including school plays and the band and he also lettered in both football and basketball. In the fall of 1951 Lester enrolled at Oklahoma State University, where he was a member of the marching band. While in high school he served in the Naval Reserve in Tulsa and Stillwater. In January of 1952 Lester was called to active duty and served on the Admiral's Staff aboard the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier. After his service in the Navy, Lester attended the University of Tulsa on the GI Bill and graduating in May 1957. During college Lester was a member of Sigma Phi fraternity and the Oklahoma Air Force National Guard in Muskogee and Tulsa.

On April 4, 1952 Lester married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Jean Blythe. Lester was a wonderful husband and father. He adored his family and loved spending time with them. Lester began work with Montgomery Ward in 1959 as management trainee in Ponca City, OK, Hutchinson, KS, Chanute, KS, and Mexico, MO before returning to Broken Arrow in 1963 and going to work for Shell Oil Company Credit Card Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma as a customer service representative, Internal Auditor, Programmer and Analyst before his retirement in 1987.

Lester retired to live on Beaver Lake in Arkansas in 1989. He was a member of the Holiday Island Golf Club, Eureka Springs Elk, VFW and American Legion. Lester was a volunteer Fire Fighter for the Grass Knob Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as Assistant Fire Chief and Business Manager for the department. He was also the state licensed water commissioner for the Sylvan Shores Subdivision for many years.

Lester returned to Broken Arrow in 2006. He enjoyed playing Pickle Ball and swimming at the Boys' Club. He liked to attend performances at the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center. Lester was also a member of the BA Elks, and volunteered at the BA Historical Museum and Northside Christian Church where he was a member and where he was baptized.

Lester enjoyed many outdoor activities including deer hunting with rifle, muzzle load and bow. He also loved fishing, tennis, golf, scuba diving and taxidermy. Lester earned his pilot's license for small aircrafts. He also attended rattle snake hunts in western Oklahoma.

Lester is survived by,
Wife, Jean Poynor, Broken Arrow, OK
Children, Judy Jack and David, Palm Coast, FL
Connie Adams, Broken Arrow, OK

Grandchildren, Kristy Knapp (Dave), Steven Adams (Adrienne), Amy Adams

Great Grandchildren, Sophie Knapp, Ella Knapp, Henry Francis Adams

Sisters, Betty Oglesby, Tulsa, OK

Several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Cemetery Details

Park Grove Cemetery

1000 W. Houston St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 259-8691

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

MAR 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Lester Poynor

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ Jean & Family: Joe and I just heard about Gene's passing. We are so sorry for your loss and still think of you often. We always enjoyed seeing you and visiting at the lake and at tailgates, and we missed both of you when you left Arkansas. Hugs and condolences. May the sadness of your loss soon be replaced by fond memories of your lives together.

Karen & Joe Rodgers

Karen & Joe Rodgers - March 13, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Gene. He was someone I truly enjoyed working with at Shell. Jean, we hope you can join us at Shell Alumni luncheons. Jo Milligan

Jo Milligan - March 08, 2019 at 01:49 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to family and friends, good memories from days at Shell.



Mary Parks - March 07, 2019 at 11:10 AM

FH

“ I have really fond memories of Gene and our fishing, hunting, and golf adventures. My wife and I truly enjoyed our weekend camping outings at Snake Creek on Lake Tenkiller with the Poy nors. Our prayers and thoughts are with the entire Poy nor family during this time of grief and sadness.

Frank and Sherry Hansen

Frank Hansen - March 06, 2019 at 01:18 PM

DL

“ My Dad, Howe Rampey graduated in "51" from B.A. Condolences in his behalf!

debbie leonard - March 06, 2019 at 10:28 AM

SW

“ Sorry for y'all's loss, Judy & Connie.
Susan (Ward) Williams

susan Williams - March 06, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Lester Poy nor.



March 05, 2019 at 04:35 PM

JC

“ I remember so many years ago, hanging out at his Dad's Cafe. He made the best hamburgers. We were in high school and I was a year behind Gene. I have always considered Gene a friend. May God Bless Him and take him to that place where he will suffer no more. And may God also walk with Jean, guide and comfort her during this time.

Jack Connery, Salisbury NC.

Jack Connery - March 05, 2019 at 03:33 PM

RB

“ I'll never forget that 1974 week-long audit with Gene in Chicago.
Bob

Buchanan

Robert Buchanan - March 05, 2019 at 12:19 PM

RM

“ Will always remember our fishing, rattlesnake hunts and cross country flying trips. What made it extra special was ms Jean's home made snacks she would send with us.

Robert & Pam Moody

Robert Moody - March 05, 2019 at 11:24 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lester Poynor.



March 05, 2019 at 11:16 AM

SB

“ We are so glad we were able to get together for dinner when we flew out of Tulsa. Although it had been years, it felt like we had just seen you. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers a little more now as you face the days ahead. We loved Papa Gene and will always smile when we think of him!

Charlie and Sherry Bryan

Sherry Bryan - March 05, 2019 at 06:44 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Lester Poynor.



March 05, 2019 at 06:38 AM

RP

“ Gene was truly a real nice guy. Always enjoyed playing golf with him way back in the 70's.....Ron Perdue

Ron Perdue - March 04, 2019 at 10:16 PM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Poynor family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Lester.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - March 04, 2019 at 09:12 AM